

Congressman Elliott will accept our thanks for a number of interesting and valuable public documents.

Col. E. C. McClure, of the Chester Reporter, and Miss Jeannie E. Wylie, of that place, were married on the 9th inst. We beg leave to congratulate "Ned" and his fair bride upon the happy event, trusting that the rosy chain of Love may bind their hearts until life be closed.

We have to record the death of Mrs. Edwards, an aged and most respectable lady, which occurred at the residence of her son-in-law, Rev. J. S. Murray, on Sunday last. Her life was singularly pure and beautiful, and her days were closed among loving children and descendants, who attested their affection and reverence by loving devotion during a protracted illness. The funeral services took place on Monday afternoon, in the Baptist Church, and were conducted most solemnly and impressively by Revs. L. M. Ayer and D. E. Frierson, after which the remains were deposited in the adjoining graveyard.

Free Schools.

All persons interested should remember that the last Saturday in June is the day designated by law for the voters of each school district to assemble at their usual places of meeting, for the purpose of levying the local tax for school purposes. This is an important matter, and the voters ought to manifest an interest in the subject, so that a proper levy be made to meet the wants of their respective school districts. It will be remembered also that the annual convention of school trustees and teachers will be held in the Court House on Saturday next, in accordance with the call published in these columns.

Railroad Courtesies.

In connection with the obsequies in honor of the late Minister Orr, we desire to express the thanks of the several Committees from Anderson, and on behalf of the immediate friends of the deceased, for the polite and abundant courtesies extended by the railroad officials in the transmission of the remains to this point, and the free transportation to and from Charlotte for the Anderson delegation. We are likewise indebted to Col. Thomas Dodamead, Superintendent of the Greenville and Columbia Railroad, for unusual facilities in transmitting dispatches relative to the arrangements for the funeral over the telegraphic wires while the remains were en route to this place from New York. Col. Dodamead furnished special cars for the accommodation of the various delegations, passing over his road, and the like courtesy was extended by Col. J. B. Palmer, the President of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad. In anticipation that the body would come by the way of Charleston, a similar courtesy was tendered by President Magrath, of the South Carolina Railroad. We deem it proper to make this prompt acknowledgment of the kindness manifested by these gentlemen, as their aid and assistance has been most valuable to our citizens in completing arrangements for the due execution of the honors to the lamented dead.

Newspaper Changes.

The Greenville Mountaineer, with all its material, has been sold to John C. Bailey, Esq., of the Greenville Enterprise, who will consolidate the two journals under the name of the Enterprise and Mountaineer. This arrangement causes the retirement of G. E. Elford, Esq., from the arduous labors of journalism, with which he has been connected from his early youth. In point of connection with newspapers for an uninterrupted period, Mr. Elford may be regarded as one of the oldest journalists in the State, and we feel and know that the fraternity loses one of its most honored and conscientious members. His career has not been brilliant, but his work has been well performed, and now that he goes to other avocations, we part from him with sincere regret. Mr. Bailey has our best wishes for continued prosperity in the management of the combined journal.

We neglected to mention last week that the Columbia South Carolinian has been suspended. It fought gallantly against odds, and we regret the financial embarrassment leading to its suspension. We trust the principal editor, Wm. H. McCaw, Esq., will resume his labors in another field of newspaper enterprise, as the State cannot afford to let his peculiar talent as a writer remain inactive.

For the Anderson Intelligence.

MR. EDITOR: In consequence of the great need of farmers in their fields, there has been a great drought in business in our town, and the prospects are very good for the drought to continue a while longer. Why do we not get up something to drive off the monotony of such a life as we now live? Some time ago, a Literary Society was proposed, but there seemed to be such little aspirations for mental improvement among the citizens of our town, that I believe the proposition was only supported by a few. Nevertheless, there are a sufficient number in favor of the enterprise to undertake it, and I respectfully ask that they meet on Saturday next in the Court House, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, to take into consideration an organization, and to discuss any matter that may come up in connection with the enterprise.

UPLAND RICE.—The editor of the Greenville Republican makes the following note of a recent visit to Anderson:

While in Anderson last week we saw a curiosity for the up-country—a rice field containing seventy-five acres, in a fine state of cultivation. Two or three years ago, John K. Cochran, Esq., purchased the place above alluded to, at a very low figure, it being at that time a miry marsh, and totally unfit for cultivation. Mr. Cochran has thoroughly drained the land, and built embankments at regular intervals, and by means of water-gates can flood the entire field at pleasure. Last year he produced forty bushels of rough rice to the acre, which he sold for one dollar and a half per bushel net; this year the yield will be much heavier. When we reflect that this result was obtained upon land previously worthless, it is a high commendation of the industry, energy and enterprise of its owner.

THE ORR OBSEQUIES.

In New York.

From the New York Herald, 14th inst.

The last sad, solemn rites and manifestations of respect, as far as this city is concerned, were paid yesterday to the remains of the late Minister Orr. From early morning to the hour of the removal of the casket there was an increasing interest shown in the solemnities of the day. The succession of visitors desirous of passing the remains in the Governor's Room was constant, and it was estimated that about fifteen hundred persons up to noon passed the casket, each one showing a very reverential respect. The casket was guarded, as on the previous days, by a Masonic guard. About half-past two o'clock the arrangements for the setting out of the funeral procession were commenced. Before this was formally commenced Deputy Grand Master Ellwood E. Thorne briefly addressed the Masonic fraternity, and also for the relatives, whose feelings in the matter were strong and heart-felt, he desired to sincerely thank the Mayor for the manner in which the city had done honor to the memory of so distinguished a Freemason and honored citizen as the late Minister to Russia. He now accepted the trust which the Mayor had hitherto so faithfully respected.

Mayor Havemeyer, in response, said that in resigning the trust committed to him to the Masonic fraternity, he felt that he was still doing honor to one whose death was a public loss, and while deeply sympathizing with the relatives and the Masonic brethren, he felt pleasure in showing his appreciation of the dead by entrusting the final disposition of the body to such distinguished care.

After a short delay, caused by the non-arrival of the commanderies from New Jersey, the casket was taken up by ten Sir Knights of Morion Commandery No. 4. The band in the vestibule of the City Hall then played a solemn dirge, and the procession was formed in the following order:

Grand Commandery of the State, headed by Grand Commander Frank Howell.
Marshals of the Grand Lodge.
Body borne by ten Knight Templars.
Son and friend of Governor Orr.
Grand Lodge of the State of New York.
Common Council.

When the body reached the foot of the steps the Fifth regiment drum corps sounded three long rolls. The body was taken to the hearse, which was drawn by six gray horses, while the Knight Templars formed a triangle into which the hearse was drawn.

At this moment wherever the eye rested there were masses of people, showing, by their silence and good order, how solemnizing the spectacle was. The vestibule over the City Hall was crowded by ladies and gentlemen. Owing to the excellency of the Masonic arrangements there was very little delay in forming the procession.

The hearse containing the casket was drawn by six white horses, covered with black netting, and each led by a colored groom.

The escort was headed by eight officers of the Mounted Squad, and twenty-five officers of the Broadway Squad, Inspector Dilks having general charge of the police. The route of the procession was along Broadway to Dr. Hepworth's church in Madison avenue. Along the line of the streets there was a large concourse of persons lining the sidewalks, and on the public buildings flags floated at half-mast. At Lord & Taylor's the building was draped in mourning, and a masonic symbol was placed in the front of the building.

AT THE CHURCH.

The procession was expected to arrive at the church at four o'clock, but it was not until after five that the head of the procession reached the doors. The arrangements at the church were conducted in admirable order, under the direction of Messrs. Kent and Stiner. The body of the church was appropriated to the Masons and to the government and municipal authorities. The consequence of this was that, when the doors were thrown open to admit the procession, there was no difficulty in finding seats for every applicant who had the privilege of entry.

The different rows of seats were reserved as follows: The rows in the centre aisle, immediately in front of the platform, for the relatives of the late Russian Minister and his former intimate friends. The first seven rows in the section at the extreme right and left for the Knights Templars. Officers of the army and navy were to be accommodated with back seats in the central section, directly behind the members of the Common Council and diplomatic corps.

After all these were seated the doors were thrown open, and the privilege was largely used. Every available standing place was occupied, but there was not the slightest indication of confusion. The body was met at the entrance by the Rev. Dr. Hepworth and Dr. Tyng, Jr., who read the service of the Episcopal Church with an effect that was truly solemnizing. After the reading of a portion of the fifteenth chapter of the First Epistle to the Corinthians the Rev. Dr. Hepworth delivered the following address:

DR. HEPWORTH'S ADDRESS.

Brethren—There are some events too grand and at the same time too awful to express, they are so eloquent in themselves; they stand in no need of interpretation by human lips—and this is one of them. We are standing amid the awful silence of death. It teaches us one lesson. It impresses a lesson upon our hearts in such fashion that we cannot rid ourselves of it. It will follow us wherever we go. It will reappear in your imagination for many a year to come, and it will breathe into our hearts its sadness, even during the rest of the coming days. You and I are taught in this event of the uncertainty of human life. As we are today our brother was a short time since, and as our brother is to-day so you and I will be ere many years have gone. No man can lay the thought too closely to his heart that we are living, brethren, in the midst of uncertainty. No man can count upon the morrow. Though he has the wealth and the riches of a thousand mines he cannot buy a moment. Though he be powerful with a hundred armies at his call, it is nothing. Death overtakes us when we little expect it, and he is always sure of coming off at last the victor. I beseech you, brethren, to remember this fact: To-day alone is yours; to-morrow is not your property; you have no right to it and no claim upon it. Again we are taught the value of faith, that which alone can smooth a dying pillow is the humblest faith in the providence of God. It is that alone which can stay the tears when we stand face to face with the darkest hour of life. It is faith alone that gives us the power to endure, and to endure always and at all times, at the hour of midnight as well as at the hour of midday, and to say, "Thy will be done." Brethren, faith and faith alone is what we need. Let us have more of it; let us live in it; let us live by it, so that when we come to die we need not be afraid. Think of it, if you have never thought before on the question of death. I indicate that noble man who trusted in God all ways, and never doubted, that Christian truth, and your confidence be in the ever-living Father, and may that be yours and mine. May the anchor of hope be yours. May we not fear when this senior warden comes to us in the shape of death with his level, and lays us low. May we not be afraid when the junior warden comes in the shape of justice, and tries us with his plumb. May he find everything as it should be. Then we shall hear the call without alarm. We shall look up to God and greet the great secret all alone, without any fear, and praying with his blessing upon our lips always. We shall thank Him for all the blessings of this present time, and be afraid of nothing that can come to us in the future. "So mote it be with us."

The musical arrangements were under the direction of Mr. Edward Hopkins, and the hymns and anthems selected for the occasion were rendered by a quartet composed of Mrs. G. Sheppard, Miss Sarah Barron, George Simpson and J. R. Thomas. G. W. Morgan, organist; Mr. Edward Hopkins, director. There was a Masonic choir of forty male voices.

PROGRAMME.

The Masonic funeral ceremonies followed those of the Episcopal church, and were performed by D. G. M. Thorne, R. H. Thomas, R. W. William, T. Woodruff and R. W. Morrison. Prayers were offered by Dr. Ewen and Dr. Schoemaker, and the benediction brought the services, which lasted two hours and a half, to a close.

The body was then taken from the church, and, after being placed in the hearse, was given in charge of the Seventh regiment, who were drawn up in line along Madison avenue. A procession was then formed, as follows:

Mounted police under Sergeant Westing.
Police escort, 25 men, under Inspector Dilks.
Washington Grey Troop, Capt. Wylie.
Seventh Regiment, N. Y. S. N. G., Col. Clark, preceded by their drum corps and band.
M. E. Grand Council R. S. M.
M. E. Grand Chapter R. A. M., State of New York—M. E. Grand High Priest Thomas C. Cassidy, presiding, with R. E. Comp. G. Van Vliet as Grand Captain of the Host.

Master Masons' lodges in the regular orders. THE MEMBERS OF THESE LODGES appeared in black clothes, high hats, white gloves and wearing plain white aprons, with sprigs of cassia in the left lapel of their coats. The officers of the lodges wore the insignia of their respective offices, but no staff of office appeared in the procession.

THE KNIGHTS, TEMPLARS,

who formed the body guard around the remains, followed next. They were attired in full uniform, viz., cocked hats, white gloves, baldricks and swords. Grand Commander Stowell acted as Commander of the K. T.

The Grand Lodge of the State preceded the hearse, which was surrounded by the Grand Commandery of K. T. of the State.

The son of the deceased, with Col. Childs, of South Carolina, Dr. Fontaine, the late private secretary of the deceased Minister when he was Governor of South Carolina, followed next, after which came

Governors of States and Territories.
Officers of Army and Navy.
Officers of Civil Service United States.
Judges of State and City Courts.
Members of Congress and Legislature and citizens.

The procession moved through Madison avenue, Forty-second street, Fifth avenue, Fourteenth street to Eleventh avenue, where the ranks were opened and the hearse passed between them to the revenue cutter. Arrived there, the body was taken off and placed on board en route for Jersey, where a train was ready for its reception and removal to South Carolina.

On Fifth avenue there was an immense crowd. Every window was occupied, and the walls of the Reservoir were thronged with spectators. It was a general remark that never since the funeral of Mr. Greeley had so much respect been shown by the people generally to a distinguished citizen.

In Columbia.

Special Correspondence of the Intelligence.

COLUMBIA, June 15.

The remains of the Hon. James L. Orr—Anderson's and perhaps the State's most distinguished son and statesman—arrived here by the train from Charlotte to-day at 2 p. m. Arrangements had been made by the Masonic fraternity and by the State authorities to give the body a public reception. The Committees from Anderson—the one of the older citizens headed by Mr. B. F. Crayton and the other of the young men of Anderson and vicinity headed by Mr. S. M. Pegg—reached here Saturday afternoon, and in company with a Committee from the State Commissioners appointed by the Governor, of which Mr. D. H. Chamberlain was chairman, took the train that night at 11 o'clock with the expectation of meeting the remains at Charlotte, N. C. There was a break in the road, however, and a detention of several hours just beyond Chester, and in consequence the Committees met the down train at Fort Mills, and getting aboard returned with the remains to Columbia. James Lawrence Orr, Jr., and Mr. W. Y. Leitch, of Charleston, and Col. L. D. Childs, of Columbia, accompanied the remains.

When the train reached Columbia, there was a large concourse of people assembled. The Masons were out in large numbers and full regalia, the various State Committees were on hand, the United States Officers and some of the Soldiers were there in fatigue dress, and four companies of colored State Militia in full uniform completed the imposing part of the assemblage; besides these, there were a heterogeneous mass of individuals of all classes, the whole numbering several thousands. The casket containing the body was turned over by Mr. Chamberlain, Chairman of the Committee to proceed to the State line, to Attorney General Samuel W. Melton, the chairman of the Committee of reception, and being taken by the pall bearers—Gov. F. J. Moses, Attorney General Melton, Dr. J. F. Ensor, Mr. Z. P. Moses, Mr. Jacob Levin, Judge R. B. Carpenter, Mr. J. H. Sawyer, Major H. Noah, Mr. Hardy Solomon, Mr. John McKenzie, Mr. G. W. Waterman and Col. T. J. Robertson—was borne through the ranks of the Masons, formed in opened column, to the hearse.

The Hearse was a very handsome one, gorgeously ornamented with silver plating, decked with black ostrich plumes on top, and drawn by four stately horses, richly caparisoned. The procession was then formed, with the fine band of Music of the Eighteenth U. S. Infantry at its head, as follows: The City Officials and their guests, Aldermen O'Neill and Voigt, deputized to represent Charleston on the occasion; the hearse attended by six pall bearers on both sides, and immediately in rear old Henry, the faithful body servant of the deceased while Governor, who had asked and received a place in the procession. After the hearse followed a brett, in which sat young James Lawrence Orr, Wm. Patterson, the son-in-law of the deceased, who met the remains at this place, Col. Childs and W. Y. Leitch; then came the Masons, followed respectively by the Anderson delegations, the United States troops, the colored Militia, and a number of buggies and carriages.

The procession marched up Blanding street and down Main, with a large number of people following on the side-walks, to the door of the State House. The pall bearers then lifted the casket from the hearse, and proceeding through the ranks of the procession formed in line on either side, bore the body, followed by the various committees and organizations, to the Hall of the House of Representatives, which had been prepared to receive it. The room was draped around the windows, over the Speaker's stand and along the galleries in mourning, and hung with United States flags.

In the centre a kind of dais covered with black cloth was erected underneath a canopy of national flags, supported by four uprights draped in black and white cambric. Upon this dais the casket was placed by the pall bearers. Underneath the canopy and just over the casket cross pieces were run, tastefully dressed with evergreens and flowers, and there hung therefrom immediately over the coffin a pendant of arbor-vita, in which was interlaced the name of the distinguished deceased.

The casket is an exceedingly handsome one. It is covered with black broad-cloth, scalloped and fluted along the edges. The handles are massively plated with silver, and along the sides above and below is run a band about an inch and a half wide of silver and white silk brocade. There are silver cords, too, along the fluting of the edge of the upper lid of the casket, and attached to these cords, hanging down to the depth of the coffin at the head and at the feet, are large, rich tassels of silver and silk. On the top of the casket were three large wreaths of beautiful white and yellow flowers, and one with a sprinkling of pinks in the centre, which were presented in New York. At the head is a broken column, dressed in white and yellow flowers, which it is said was brought from St. Petersburg. Underneath the wreaths is a massive silver plate, upon which is the inscription:

JAMES LAWRENCE ORR,

BORN AT CRAYTONVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, MAY 12TH, 1822.

DIED AT ST. PETERSBURG, APRIL 23, (MAY 5), 1873.

Shortly after the body had been placed upon the dais, and after the committees and the spectators had arranged themselves in the Hall and in the galleries, the Attorney General as chairman of the committee of reception addressed the Governor, informing him that he had discharged the duty assigned him, met the body at the depot, escorted it to the State House and now consigned it to the care of His Excellency, to receive such further honors as he might direct. The Governor replied, referring to the distinguished character, ability and services of Judge Orr, saying that too much honor could not be done his memory by the State he loved so well and served so faithfully. At the close of his remarks, he turned to Mr. R. A. Keenan, chairman of the Masonic guard of honor, and committed to his keeping the remains, which he said would lie as they were in state until to-morrow morning.

In the morning, the remains will be attended by committees of the Masons of the State and of the City Council, and by the Anderson delegation to Anderson Court House.

The ceremonies here cannot be looked upon as altogether so successful as they might have been and should have been, considering the eminent position of Judge Orr in the State, and the very large number of warm friends and admirers he had in this city among the democratic or conservative people, who were entirely ignored. There has been a great deal of talk about the matter here, and some very indignant comments upon the splanetic attitude which Gov. Moses has assumed.

TRELAWNEY.

In Anderson.

The train bearing the remains of the lamented James L. Orr was detained on Monday evening by an accident occurring a few miles from Belton, and in consequence many were disappointed as the hours passed in anxious suspense. At length, however, the train came in sight of the depot, and the large crowd of persons in waiting assembled upon the platform. The Anderson delegations, including a portion of the Citizens Committee, with B. F. Crayton, Esq., as acting chairman, and the escort of young gentlemen under the leadership of Capt. S. M. Pegg, were accompanied by committees representing the Masonic fraternity in Columbia, the State authorities and the municipal authorities of Columbia, who had been specially designated to attend the remains to this point.

When the train stopped, a small number of the Anderson delegations and a few immediate friends were joined by a special committee from the Masons here, and the body was conveyed by them to the hearse, drawn by four splendid white horses, and afterwards quietly conducted to the late residence of the deceased—the assembled hundreds being requested to remain behind, as it was not desirable to have any demonstration at that time. The body was deposited for the night in the parlor, where Gov. Orr was wont to receive his friends, and soon after those in attendance quietly withdrew. A special guard from the Masons was designated to watch over his remains during the night.

On Tuesday morning, deputations from the Anderson committees, accompanied by the guard of honor from Hiram Lodge, No. 68, proceeded with the hearse to the residence where the remains were again received under their charge, and conveyed through Calhoun and Main streets to the Masonic Hall, the bell tolling in the meantime. Arriving in front of the Hall, a large multitude assembled, and the remains were formally delivered into the charge of the Masons. This was done by a few remarks from Mr. B. F. Crayton on behalf of the committees from Anderson who had been with the remains for the two days previous, which were addressed to Hon. J. P. Reed, chairman of the Citizens' Committee, who in turn received the remains, and in a touching and eloquent manner alluded to the life and services of the deceased, concluding his remarks by placing the remains in charge and keeping of the Masonic fraternity. His remarks were responded to briefly by Mr. James A. Hoyt, W. M. Hiram Lodge, No. 68, A. F. M., who confided the charge in a special manner to the Guard of Honor, of which the Senior Warden, Maj. W. W. Humphreys, was the chief. The body was then conveyed to the centre of Masonic Hall, and there deposited beneath an arch, surrounded by the habiliments of mourning. Time and space preclude any description of the Hall, which was tastefully and elaborately decorated. In a short time, the doors were opened and visitors began to come in, continuing throughout the day, and while the body lay in state.

As we go to press at an early hour, we cannot give a full account of the proceedings yesterday. At 9 o'clock the remains were carried by the Guard of Honor to the Baptist Church, to enable a greater number of people to view the casket and its ornaments, and testify their respect for the noble dead. The Masons assembled at 10 o'clock, and towards eleven o'clock marched in procession to the

Baptist Church, where the religious services of the Episcopal Church were performed by the Rev. Ellison Capers, of Greenville. When these services were concluded, the procession was re-formed, in the following order, viz:

Band of Music.
Tiler of Hiram Lodge, No. 68.
The Stewards.
Master Masons, representing the various Lodges, to wit, Furman Lodge, No. 170, Belton Lodge, No. 130, Hermon Lodge, No. 116, Barnett Lodge, No. 106, Centre Lodge, No. 37, Pendleton Lodge, No. 34, Williamston Lodge, No. 24, and Hiram Lodge, No. 68.
Treasurer and Secretary.
Senior and Junior Wardens.
Past Masters.
Including Masonic delegation from Columbia.
The Bible, Square and Compasses.
The Master and two Deacons.
The Officiating Clergyman.
The Body.
Pall Bearers.

The Family of the Deceased.
The Citizens' Committee from Anderson.
The Delegation of Young Men.
The State Committee.
Municipal Committees from Columbia and Charleston.
Orr's Regiment of Rifles.
Citizens Generally.

The procession, under direction of Maj. W. W. Humphreys, Chief Marshal, and his Assistants, Messrs. John H. Clarke and L. H. Seel, proceeded to the Presbyterian graveyard, where the mortal remains of James Lawrence Orr, the honored and useful citizen, were finally interred with the solemn honors of the Masonic fraternity.

For the Anderson Intelligence.

Minister Orr—Public Meeting of the Young Men.

The young men of Anderson and community assembled in the Court House on June 12th, in public meeting, for the purpose of appointing a committee to meet the remains of their distinguished fellow-citizen, Hon. Jas. L. Orr, late Minister to Russia, in Charlotte, N. C., outside the limits of his own native State, and from thence escort them home to Anderson, S. C. S. M. Pegg was called to the chair, and A. C. Laughlin requested to act as secretary. The object of the meeting was fully explained by the chairman and other gentlemen, after which it was announced by the chair that the meeting was ready for business.

A resolution was then adopted, by which the following gentlemen, thirty-four in number, were appointed a committee to meet the remains of Minister Orr in Charlotte, N. C., as stated above, and also to offer to the bereaved family the heartfelt sorrow and condolence of the young men of this town and community in this sad bereavement which has befallen them.

S. M. Pegg,	A. C. Laughlin,
J. B. Lewis,	W. W. Keys,
Newton Scott,	A. O. Langston,
E. M. Taylor,	W. A. Alexander,
John McGrath,	J. P. Reed, Jr.,
J. B. Neal,	Wm. Wilson,
B. F. Wilson,	L. P. Smith,
W. A. Dickson,	McN. Cochran,
J. S. Ashley,	J. R. Williams,
W. S. Ligon,	R. S. Hill,
G. F. Tolly,	G. H. Symmes,
J. K. Fretwell,	D. Cumiskey,
E. K. Beazdale,	J. H. Bewley,
F. B. Moss,	C. W. Webb,
C. A. Young,	J. Feaster Brown,
L. H. Seel,	W. G. Browne,
M. M. Hunter,	J. R. Moseley.

Palmetto Orphans' Home.

The Trustees of the Palmetto Orphans' Home, located in Columbia, are gratified in announcing that Mr. S. E. Caughman, of Lexington, has consented to canvass the State in behalf of the above institution, and that he has been appointed a special agent for this purpose. They deem it unnecessary to make any elaborate appeal to the people of the State in behalf of this charity. The Home speaks eloquently for itself, when its mission is considered. The Trustees earnestly commend Mr. Caughman to the public, and trust that his exertions as the agent of the Palmetto Orphans' Home may meet with such a liberal response as will enable them to place upon a permanent basis an institution that addresses itself to the sympathies of every generous mind.

J. W. PARKER,
President Board Trustees.

VALUE OF MINORITY REPRESENTATION.—Mayor Medill, of Chicago, one of the foremost advocates of minority representation, writes a letter to Hon. S. F. Hunt, of Ohio, saying that the system adopted in Illinois "proves in practice to be just what was promised and predicted in its behalf." The following is an extract from his letter:

"The new system commends itself as more democratic than the old. The whole mass of the people are now represented in the popular branch, instead of a mere majority, as formerly. Every voter, whether a Democrat or Republican, has now the man of his choice in the Assembly to represent him. Neither party is now unrepresented in any district. The minority is no longer practically disfranchised, as was previously the case. The vote of the majority is not impaired or disturbed. The stronger party at the polls have control of the House, but the weaker one is represented in proportion to its strength. The unjust monopoly of representation is broken. Every Democratic district elected two Democrats and one Republican, and every Republican district two Republicans and one Democrat to the House."

THE PARTY OF THE FUTURE.—The Republican party has heretofore had everything its own way in Iowa, but the farmers seem to be determined to run a schedule similar to that already in operation in Indiana, Illinois and Ohio. A farmers' convention, composed of men of all parties, was held in Washington, Iowa, on the 2d inst., to nominate candidates for the Legislature and county offices. Every township in the county was represented, and, judging from the vigorous tone of the resolutions, the delegates were a resolute set of men. They denounced the State Legislature for failing to pass a law regulating railroad rates, and declared that no candidate for the Legislature will be supported who will not pledge himself to vote for such a law, and to refuse to accept passes or any other petty bribes from railroad corporations. The candidates whom they named are required, in accepting the nomination, to abandon all former political connections, and to profess allegiance henceforth only to the interests of the farmers and working men. It is expected that a State Convention of the same character will soon be held in Iowa.

The July number of Godey's Lady's Book is on our table, filled with interesting matter for the ladies. The steady excellence of this magazine renders it a general favorite among the fair sex.

The Abbeville papers record the death of Dr. J. W. Hearst, well known in this section, and who represented Abbeville in both branches of the Legislature before the war. He had been in feeble health for some time, and died of heart disease, in the 39th year of his age.

ITEMS—EDITORIAL AND OTHERWISE.

—Senator Sumner's health is reported to be completely restored.

—The Pope has completely recovered from his late indisposition.

—Ex-Governor Foote, of Mississippi, is gone to live in Washington.

—Hon. Alexander H. Stephens has again become the sole proprietor of the Atlanta Sun. —One day last week nine hundred and fifty-one persons sailed from New York for Europe. —Mr. Schuyler Colfax is announced as the Fourth of July orator before the Cincinnati Old Fellows.

—After a sermon in Atlanta last Sunday, Bishop Pierce collected upward of eight thousand dollars.

—The last rumor is of a new Republican newspaper to be established in Kingstree, Williamsburg county.

—Mr. R. M. T. Hunter is now mentioned as the probable Conservative candidate for Governor of Virginia.

—Col. Thomas Thomson will deliver the oration at the Masonic Celebration in Abbeville on St. John's Day, 24th inst.

—It is stated that the Ladies' Lee Monument Association, in Virginia, have in hand about thirteen thousand dollars in money.

—Mrs. Wright, wife of Mr. James A. Wright, one of the proprietors of the Abbeville Medium, died at Abbeville on Thursday, the 12th inst.

—It is said ex-Queen Isabella is about to proceed to Rome, for the purpose of a conference with the Pope upon the prospects of the Bourbon family in Spain.

—Rev. W. F. Pearson is the popular pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Ninety-Six, and is doing a good work among the people at that place, says the Abbeville Medium.

—The Greenville Mountaineer complains that there has been an unusual amount of sickness in that town during the present season, and advises a liberal use of disinfectants.

—A colored man, while digging on the Vale Royal plantation, near Savannah, a few days ago, unearthed seventeen thousand dollars, which had been buried by a miser some eight years ago.

—In Henderson, Ky., on the 14th of June, an insane man, attending a circus, killed a child with a club and injured a number. He was arrested after receiving three shots from the police.

—Mr. Hinton Rowan Helper, author of the "Impending Crisis," who is now in South America, is expected to return some time this fall, when, it is rumored, he will publish a work calculated to make quite a sensation in the political world.

—Wm. McKinlay, a prominent colored citizen of Charleston, died last Wednesday at his residence in that city. He paid more taxes than any other colored man in Charleston, and was an upright representative of the best class of colored citizens.

—Captain Semmes, the former commander of the Alabama, attended a wedding at Newburyport, Mass., last Wednesday evening, at which several of the other guests, who were owners of vessels which he had destroyed, refused to be introduced to him.

—Colonel Chapman and Captain Samuel Chapman, former officers in Mosby's guerrillas, have been appointed postal mail clerks, each at a salary of \$1,200. Mosby is securing all the appointments he desires in Virginia, much to the disgust of the Republicans of that State.

—Russia must now be added to the list of nations actively engaged in arctic discovery. The Imperial Geographical Society has made use of its special advantages to send out an experienced Siberian traveller, M. Tschekauowski, on an expedition, which is well supplied and equipped for two years.

—George S. Campbell, lately employed in the office of the Abbeville Medium, died at his home in Pendleton on Sunday night, 8th inst., of consumption. Mr. Campbell was a young man of agreeable manners, kind disposition and steady habits. He was married only a few months ago, and leaves a sweet and affectionate wife to mourn his untimely demise.